## CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, GEORGIA



09-R-0268

A RESOLUTION

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS FELICIA A. MOORE AND JOYCE M. SHEPERD

AS SUBSTITUTED

BY: FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA REQUESTING THAT THE PROPOSED OFFICE OF URBAN POLICY IN PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION HAVE AN ADVISORY GROUP TO HELP GUIDE THAT OFFICE IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR NATION'S URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Atlanta joins Cleveland, Seattle, Winston-Salem and Denver in urging that the proposed Office of Urban Policy in President Obama's administration have an advisory group to help guide that office in its efforts to provide assistance to our nation's urban areas; and

WHEREAS, urban areas now house over 80 percent of our population with close to 20% of our nation's total population residing in cities with populations above 200,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is one of the 50 largest cities in the United States, and has a population of about 500,000, and a SMSA of 5,000,000; and

WHEREAS, large cities in the United States face many of the same challenges in planning an urban infrastructure that meets the future work and living requirements of growing populations; and

WHEREAS, there is a wealth of expertise and experience in cities, such as Atlanta, among their public officials and administrators, urban planners, academic and research professionals, and community activists who are engaged in trying to identify solutions for these challenges; and

WHEREAS, a newly created Office of Urban Policy could greatly assist cities, like Atlanta, in identifying common challenges that face large, urban populations; in sharing their experience and expertise; and in facilitating solutions to those common challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

The Atlanta City Council recommends to President Obama that a broad and diverse advisory group be created to help the proposed Office of Urban Policy reach out to cities across the country to assist them in working to adopt best practices available to improve the quality of life for urban residents and for those who work and do business in our cities.

SECTION 2: The Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlanta is hereby directed to forward true and correct copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States and all members of Congress.

RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

FEB 16, 2009

FEB 25, 2009